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Officials

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[redacted] to inform the Director of European  
Analysis of the meeting on 24 April 1984.

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Director of European Analysis

THROUGH : Chief, Security Issues Branch  
Chief, European Issues Division

FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1  
Security Issues Branch

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1. Dr. Bob Osgood, State Department Policy Planning Council, telephoned me to request a meeting to discuss Franco-German defense policy questions. On 24 April, [REDACTED] and I met with Osgood and two other members of the Policy Planning Staff (Barry Lowenkron and Hugh De Santis). 25X1

2. Osgood was seeking information on Franco-German defense cooperation in preparation for an upcoming trip to Europe when he will be discussing efforts to improve NATO conventional defense capabilities. He was particularly interested in our discussion of the following topics:

- o Franco-German arms cooperation projects.
- o Joint Franco-German military planning.
- o Franco-German efforts to coordinate European defense policy.
- o West German interest in French and UK nuclear planning policy.
- o Chancellor Kohl's concern over West German sovereignty in matters of defense interest.
- o Political symbolism of Franco-German military cooperation.
- o French and West German defense budget planning.

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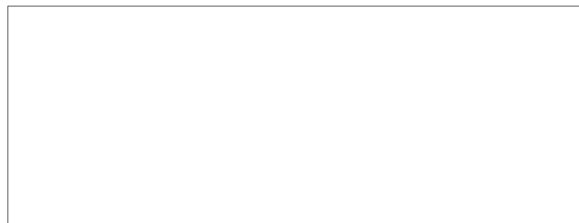
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Throughout our briefings, Osgood expressed agreement with our differentiation between government statements made for public consumption and those which reflect serious policy considerations.

3. Osgood described a very rosy picture of US-European relations during his 6 April presentation at the NIO conference. Today, he seemed a little more cautious. He is of the opinion that extensive European cooperation still seems unlikely, but if the Europeans do band together, it would likely be of little benefit to the US.

4. The meeting lasted approximately 90 minutes.



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